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**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**

In re Application of: :  
Bijan Lashgari :  
Application No. 10/822,875 : DECISION ON  
Filed: April 13, 2004 : PETITION UNDER  
Title of Invention: : 37 CFR 1.137(b)  
MOISTURE RESPONSIVE :  
SPRINKLER CIRCUIT :  
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed November 9, 2005, to revive the above-identified application. The petition is being treated under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(f).

This Petition is hereby **granted**.

The above-identified application became abandoned pursuant to 35 USC 122 (b) (2) (B) (iii) for failure to timely notify the Office of the filing of an application in a foreign country, or under a multinational international agreement, the requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.

A petition under 37 CFR 1.137(f) must be accompanied by: (1) the reply, which is met by the notification of such filing in a foreign country or under a multinational treaty<sup>1</sup>; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date of the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

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<sup>1</sup> The filing of a petition under this section will not relieve application of the obligation to reply to any outstanding Office action.

The instant petition has been found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.137(f). Accordingly, the failure to timely notify the Office of a foreign or international filing within 45 days as provided by 35 USC 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

The previous Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(I) has been rescinded. A Communication Regarding Rescission of Nonpublication Request indicating a projected publication date of May 18, 2006, accompanies the present petition.

This application is being referred to the Publishing Division for publishing of the application in due course.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232.

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Enclosure:      Communication Regarding Rescission of  
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**Communication Regarding Rescission Of Nonpublication Request and/or Notice of Foreign Filing**

Applicant's rescission of the previously-filed nonpublication request and/or notice of foreign filing is acknowledged. The paper has been reflected in the Patent and Trademark Office's (USPTO's) computer records so that the earliest possible projected publication date can be assigned.

The projected publication date is 05/18/2006.

If applicant rescinded the nonpublication request before or on the date of "foreign filing,"<sup>1</sup> then no notice of foreign filing is required.

If applicant foreign filed the application after filing the above application and before filing the rescission, and the rescission did not also include a notice of foreign filing, then a notice of foreign filing (not merely a rescission) is required to be filed within 45 days of the date of foreign filing. See 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii), and Clarification of the United States Patent and Trademark Office's Interpretation of the Provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(ii)-(iv), 1272 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 22 (July 1, 2003).

If a notice of foreign filing is required and is not filed within 45 days of the date of foreign filing, then the application becomes abandoned pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii). In this situation, applicant should either file a petition to revive or notify the Office that the application is abandoned. See 37 CFR 1.137(f). Any such petition to revive will be forwarded to the Office of Petitions for a decision. Note that the filing of the petition will not operate to stay any period of reply that may be running against the application.

Questions regarding petitions to revive should be directed to the Office of Petitions at (571) 272-3282. Questions regarding publications of patent applications should be directed to the patent application publication hotline at (703) 605-4283 or by e-mail [pgpub@uspto.gov](mailto:pgpub@uspto.gov).

<sup>1</sup> Note, for purpose of this notice, that "foreign filing" means "filing an application directed to the same invention in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing".